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NOTES

LEBANON-FEDAYEEN-ISRAEL: The fedayeen and the Lebanese Army have established a fragile modus vivendi in the Arqub region of southern Lebanon. Despite a gradual reinfiltration of fedayeen forces into the area, there have been no clashes between the guerrillas and the army because the commandos continue to observe the army's prohibition against re-establishing bases in inhabited areas. Unarmed fedayeen are allowed to enter villages temporarily to purchase supplies. The villagers themselves are opposed to the return of the fedayeen and have asked for army protection. Meanwhile, Israel continues to maintain observation posts within Lebanese territory. Despite their personal objection to this violation of Lebanese sovereignty, Lebanese commanders are resigned to the presence of the posts and have issued orders to their troops not to interfere with the Israelis.

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